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The Honorable Alexander M. Haig
Secretary
Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The purpose of this letter is to express my concern over recent reports that the Administration intends to sell surplus butter to foreign countries under specific restrictions that none of it be resold to the Soviet Union.

The continued refusal of this nation to sell butter to the Soviet Union seems to me to be only detrimental to the dairy farmers of the United States. As you know, this group was the first to come forward to accept cuts in their price supports as a show of support for the President's program for economic restraint. I am also concerned that the storage of butter by the government is costing our taxpayers unnecessary millions of dollars.

I would appreciate a clarification of U.S. policy in this matter and an explanation for it.

Thank you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Alfonse D'Amato
United States Senator

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